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Examiner:

For : SPRING STANDOFF FOR A RECIPROCATING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,446,336 to UNGER, issued on September 10, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,293,184 to UNGER, issued on September 25, 2001. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present

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application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/627,714 to Unger et al., entitled "Coupling for Conducting Member", filed on July 28, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/627,623 to UNGER et al., entitled "Securing Device for a Spring", filed on July 28, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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	6 4 4 6 3 3 6	09/10/02	UNGER			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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